

RESOLUTION NO. ____-2015

RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE FORT BRAGG POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ESTABLISH SECURITY CHECKPOINTS AT NOYO BEACH TO ADDRESS PUBLIC SAFETY NEEDS DURING THE INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS EVENT

WHEREAS, for many years Fort Bragg's Independence Day fireworks display has lit up the sky (or fog) over Noyo Bay, thrilling spectators at locations on public and private property around the bay; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, there has been an increase public drunkenness, disorderly conduct, and the illegal discharge of fireworks at Noyo Beach during the Independence Day fireworks event; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to address safety concerns and ensure compliance with existing laws prohibiting consumption of alcohol in public and the discharge of fireworks in public parks (and countywide) and to reclaim the beach as a "family friendly" location for viewing the fireworks display, the Fort Bragg Police Department proposes to establish "security checkpoints" at the entries to Noyo Beach; and

WHEREAS, persons with fireworks and/or alcohol in their possession will be given the opportunity to discard the items, to return the items to their vehicles, or to be denied entry to Noyo Beach; and

WHEREAS, based on all of the evidence presented, the City Council finds as follows:

1. The public consumption of alcohol and the illegal discharge of fireworks on Noyo Beach during the Independence Day fireworks display presents risks to the safety of the general public; and
2. The security checkpoint(s) at Noyo Beach are intended for the immediate purpose of preventing the public safety hazards posed by drunken behavior and the illegal discharge of fireworks; and
3. A publicity campaign (using press releases, public service announcements, social media and signage) will be implemented to get the word out to the public regarding the security checkpoints at Noyo Beach and the strict enforcement of existing laws prohibiting public consumption of alcohol and the discharge of fireworks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg does hereby authorize the Fort Bragg Police Department to establish security checkpoints at Noyo Beach to address public safety needs during the Independence Day fireworks event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg authorizes the Police Department to restrict the number of vehicles using the Noyo Beach parking lot in order to ensure that there is adequate ingress and egress for emergency response vehicles.

The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by Councilmember _____, seconded by Councilmember _____, and passed and adopted at a regular

meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg held on the 8th day of June, 2015,
by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

DAVE TURNER,
Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda Jourdain
Acting City Clerk